GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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RESOLUTION ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations Organisation has passed any resolution regarding prevention of sexual harassment of women and children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) & (b): In a declaration adopted on 20th December, 1993, the UN General Assembly resolved for effective implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women that would contribute to the elimination of violence against women.Violence against women, inter alia, includes sexual abuse and harassment.

(c): With the view to protecting women from various forms of harassment, the Government has taken following initiatives:-

(i) Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, a comprehensive legislation to protect women from all forms of domestic violence, was notified on 26 October,2006.

(ii) The Code of Criminal Procedure has been amended through Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Act, 2005 to provide that no woman shall be arrested after sun set and before sun rise and where exceptional circumstances exist, the women police officer shall obtain the prior permission of the judicial Magistrate of the 1st Class for making such an arrest.

(iii) A Bill for Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at the Workplace is under finalization.